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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT	Trinity College Dublin , Dublin, Ireland Assistant Professor in Economics, 2025 – present	
EDUCATION	Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Ph.D. in Applied Economics and Management, 2019 – 2025 Dissertation: “Essays on Labor Market Power” Advisors: Nancy H. Chau (Chair), Arnab K. Basu, Michele Belot, Ravi Kanbur Cornell University , Ithaca, NY Master of Science in Applied Economics and Management, 2017 – 2019 University of Finance and Economics , Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Bachelor of Science in Economics (with distinction), 2009 – 2013	
FIELDS	Labor Economics, Development Economics	
AFFILIATION	Monash University, Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW) Research Affiliate, 2025 – present	
PUBLISHED PAPERS	“Cooking Fuel Choice and Child Mortality in India” (with Arnab K. Basu, Nancy H. Chau and Neha Khanna) <i>Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization</i> , 2024, 222: 240-265. Featured in Cornell Chronicle, The Hindu, The Times of India, Times Now, Press Trust of India, Medical Xpress George F. Warren Award for Outstanding Paper, Cornell University	
WORKING PAPERS	“Automation Threat and Labor Market Power” (Job Market Paper) This paper studies the role of automation threat in firms’ labor market power. Employing the production approach, I show that workers in an average German manufacturer receive 79 cents on the marginal euro. Using automation threat proxied by local labor market regions’ exposure to industrial robots instrumented by plausibly exogenous shift-share factors, I find that robot exposure increases employer power over routine workers in areas with weaker unions in East Germany with spatial frictions. The empirical findings are consistent with the wage bargaining model where employers retain the “right-to-manage” their workforce composition and unions representing different workers separately bargain with the firm. “Public Works Program, Labor Supply, and Monopsony” (with Nancy H. Chau and Vidhya Soundararajan) This paper studies the role of changes in workforce composition in monopsony power. We develop a monopsony model in which a firm’s wage markdown—the wedge between MRPL and wage—is a weighted average of markdowns for heterogeneous workers. We empirically illustrate the theory using India’s National	

Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA), which generates non-manufacturing jobs in rural areas. Consistent with the model predictions, at manufacturing firms, we find that the program increases average markdowns by crowding out mobile workers and effectively increasing the share of immobile workers with low labor supply elasticity.

“Alcohol Consumption and Intimate Partner Violence: Long-Term Effects of a Temporary Alcohol Ban” (with Arnab K. Basu and Nancy H. Chau), *RFBerlin Discussion Paper No. 162/25*

We trace the impact of a temporary ban targeting liquor-serving bars – from launch to reversal – on alcohol consumption and women’s experience with domestic violence in Kerala, India. Decomposing the policy-induced and reversal effects by employing difference-in-differences and event-study approaches, we identify a significant reduction in alcohol consumption (but only in bars) with an accompanying reduction in intimate partner violence during the policy period. However, both alcohol consumption and domestic violence rebounded to pre-ban levels after the policy removal. Heterogeneity analysis further reveals these effects to be confined only amongst high-wealth households. A battery of robustness tests confirms our findings.

“Artisanal Mining, Female Labor Supply, and Intimate Partner Violence” (with Anh Nguyen)

This paper uses micro data from over 30 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa to present nearly continent-wide evidence that the rise in the potential value of artisanal mining leads to a structural transformation from the agricultural to the non-agricultural sectors. Leveraging spatial variation in gold suitability and exogenous temporal variation in global gold prices, we show that employment activities in the mining and retail industries increase more for women than men. An increase in women’s intrahousehold bargaining power results in a decrease in violence within the household, ruling out a potential backlash effect.

RESEARCH IN
PROGRESS

“Capital Market Integration, Labor Market Distortions, and Labor Misallocation” (with Nancy H. Chau, Anh Nguyen and Vidhya Soundararajan)

“On the Intra-Household Public Goods and Fertility Trade-Off” (with Arnab K. Basu and Nancy H. Chau)

DISCUSSIONS

2024 NEUDC Conference Discussant: “Global Labor Market Power” by Amodio, Brancati, Brummund, de Roux, and Di Maio

2023 MWIEDC Conference Discussant: “Family Planning and the Female Labor Supply: Evidence from Urban Malawi” by Karra, Maggio, and Canning

POLICY
WORK

“Exploring Geospatial-Based Approaches to Develop a Pre-Census National Sampling Frame in Armenia” (with Saida Ismailakhunova, Avralt-Od Purevjav and Sarchil Qader), *Under Review at Nature: Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*

World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 11039, 2025.

Featured in Devdiscourse

“Distributional Impact of Energy Tariff Reforms in the Republic of Georgia” (with Saida Ismailakhunova, Avralt-Od Purevjav and Juan Carlos Palacios Mora)

“Listening to Georgia and Armenia: Baseline and Phone Surveys and Analyses” (with Saida Ismailakhunova, Avralt-Od Purevjav and others)

SEMINAR AND
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

2026: ASSA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Irish Postgraduate and Early Career Economics Workshop at Maynooth University, 19th Australasian Trade Workshop at Deakin University (scheduled, co-author), PacDev Conference at the UC Davis (accepted), SOLE Annual Meeting in Denver (accepted)

2025: ASSA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, University of Georgia (Agricultural and Applied Economics), 16th IAB PhD Workshop in Nuremberg, UNU-WIDER Development Conference in Helsinki, Trinity College Dublin (Economics), 6th EALE-SOLE-AASLE Conference in Toronto, 11th Conference of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality at the World Bank HQ, Work in Progress Seminar at Trinity College Dublin (x2)

2024: STEG Annual Conference at NYU Abu Dhabi, MWIEDC Conference at the University of Chicago, SOLE Annual Meeting in Portland OR, Online Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society, EEA-ESEM Annual Meeting at Erasmus School of Economics, EALE Conference at Norwegian School of Economics, AEP Seminar at Cornell University, NEUDC Conference at Northeastern University

2023: PacDev Conference at the University of Washington, MWIEDC Conference at the University of Houston, 24th IZA Summer School in Labor Economics in Berlin

2022: WEAI Annual Conference in Portland OR, APPAM Fall Research Conference in Washington DC, 17th Annual Conference at Indian Statistical Institute

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing:

Review of Economics of the Household

University/Departmental Services:

PhD Economics Admission Committee, Trinity College Dublin, 2025 – 2026

MSc Economics Admission Committee, Trinity College Dublin, 2025 – 2026

Incoming Exchange Coordinator for Economics, 2026 – present

Professional Association Membership:

American Economic Association, Member, 2024 – present

European Economic Association, Member, 2024 – present

The Econometric Society, Member, 2023 – 2025

Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Affiliated Student, 2023 – 2025

Cornell University, Diversity in Cornell Economics (DICE), General Member, 2022 – 2025

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell	2019, 2024
IAB PhD Workshop Travel Grant, Germany	2025
EEA Travel Grant, European Economic Association	2024
Dyson Graduate Teaching Assistant – Outstanding Service Award, Cornell	2024
Graduate Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell	2020 – 2024
Cornell Graduate School Conference Travel Grant (x5)	2022 – 2025
Graduate Assistant Fellowship, Dyson School, Cornell	2020 – 2023
Summer Internship Grant (declined), CIPA, Cornell	2018
Tuition Fellowship, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), Cornell	2017 – 2018
Dean's List, University of Finance and Economics, Mongolia	2010 – 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland

Quantitative Methods for Economics I (MSc in Economic Policy, ECP77211)	Fall 2025
Economics Capstone (Undergraduate Thesis, ECU44100)	2025 – 2026
Intermediate Economics B (Undergraduate, ECU22012)	Spring 2026

	Introduction to Economic Policy B (Undergraduate, ECU11034)	Spring 2026
	Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	
	International Trade and Finance (Undergraduate, AEM/ECON 2300)	
	Coordinating Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu	Spring 2025
	Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu	Spring 2022-2024
	Teaching Assistant to Professor David R. Lee	Spring 2021
	Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (Undergraduate, AEM 1300)	Summer 2024/2025
	Coordinating Teaching Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu	
	Applied Managerial Economics (Undergraduate, AEM 4100)	Fall 2022/2023
	Teaching Assistant to Professor Terry Alexander	
	Research and Methods (Master of Professional Studies, AEM 6991)	Fall 2021
	Teaching Assistant to Professors Mark Conostas, Aija Leiponen, Daniela Scur	
	Consumer Behavior (Undergraduate, AEM 3440)	Fall 2020
	Teaching Assistant to Professor Alison Shields	
OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS	Research Assistant to Professor Nancy H. Chau	2018, 2023, 2025
	Research Assistant to Professor Arnab K. Basu	2022
	Research Assistant to Professor Eswar Prasad	2019
OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE	Consultant, Poverty and Equity Group, The World Bank	2023 – present
	Summer Intern, Global Indicators Group, The World Bank	2019
	Economist, Research and Statistics Department, Central Bank of Mongolia	2013 – 2017
SKILLS	Software/Programming	
	Stata, R, MATLAB, ArcGIS, QGIS, EViews, LaTeX	
	Language	
	English (fluent), Mongolian (native)	